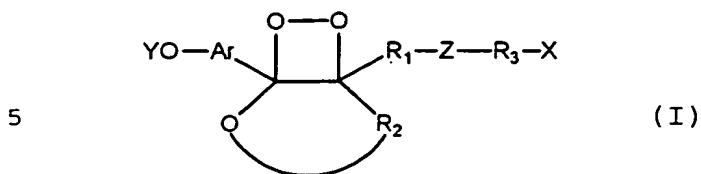


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A 1,2-dioxetane derivative of the formula (I):



wherein Ar is an aryl group which may have an alkyl group, an aryl group, a halogen atom, an alkoxy group, a carboxyl group, a formyl group, an alkyl ester, an aryl ester, an alkylketone, an arylketone or a hetero ring bonded thereto, X is a substituent capable of labeling an organic compound or a biological molecule, or an ester, Y is a hydrogen atom, an acyl group or a group of the formula  $-\text{Si}(\text{R}_4\text{R}_5\text{R}_6)$  (wherein each of  $\text{R}_4$ ,  $\text{R}_5$  and  $\text{R}_6$  which are independent of one another, is an alkyl group or an aryl group), Z is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a carbonyl group,  $-(\text{CO})-\text{O}-$ ,  $-\text{O}-(\text{CO})-$ ,  $-\text{NH}-$ ,  $-\text{NH}-\text{CO}-$ ,  $-\text{CO}-\text{NH}-$ ,  $-\text{OSi}(\text{R}_7\text{R}_8)-$  (wherein each of  $\text{R}_7$  and  $\text{R}_8$  which are independent of each other, is an alkyl group or aryl group) or a group of the formula  $-(\text{R}_9\text{R}_{10})\text{SiO}-$  (wherein each of  $\text{R}_9$  and  $\text{R}_{10}$  which are independent of each other, is an alkyl group or an aryl group), each of  $\text{R}_1$  and  $\text{R}_2$  is an alkyl group or an aryl group, and  $\text{R}_3$  is a spacer.